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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 4 with the following new paragraph:

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Moreover, in the conventional tire shown in Figure 1, the first cord layer 3 containing cords arranged at a relatively large inclination angle is an innermost cord layer, while the inclination angle of the cord in the second to fourth cord layers 4, 5, 6 with respect to the equatorial plane E is small, so that when a top of a rib formed in a mold for the formation of a circumferential groove 9 bites into an uncured tread rubber of a tread portion in an uncured tire during the vulcanization building of the uncured tire, since the bending rigidity of a laminate of uncured cord layers is small, the bending resistance of the laminate to the entrance of the rib top